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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	10/501,507-Conf. #008270
Filing Date	July 15, 2004
First Named Inventor	Masayoshi HANNA
Examiner Name	M. Bernshteyn
Art Unit	1713
Attorney Docket No.	1422-0635PUS1

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>	
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>
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50 25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
13	- 20 =	x	=

<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	
<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
1	- 3 =	x	=

<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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Docket No.: 1422-0635PUS1
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Masayoshi HANNA et al.

Application No.: 10/501,507

Confirmation No.: 008270

Filed: July 15, 2004

Art Unit: 1713

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING WATER-
ABSORBING RESIN

Examiner: M. Bernshteyn

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL REJECTION)

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on the PTO-SB08(s), attached hereto.

II. COPIES

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(Check at least one box)

- a. DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - The patents, publications, or other information listed on the attached PTO SB08 are in the English language and therefore, do not require a statement of relevancy.
- b. DOCUMENTS NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE - A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications, or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:
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- d. OTHER - The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration. **The attached Supplementary European Search Report (Mailing Date: July 26, 2006) issued in the corresponding European patent application of the above-identified application. The first and second references are not enclosed. The first reference was cited in the International Search Report and the corresponding EP family member was listed on the SB-08 filed on July 15, 2004. The second reference was cited in the Office Action which issued on November 14, 2005.**

THIS IDS IS BEING FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d): After the mailing date of a Final Action under § 1.113. See the Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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Dated: September 22, 2006

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Attachment(s):

- PTO-SB08
- Documents
- Foreign Search Report
- Fee
- Other: Supplementary European Search Report



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